

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 15-22, 2023 SANTA BARBARA DARK SKY WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires wonder, encourages interest in science and nature, and attracts visitors to the region; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established consequences which are detrimental to the economy, ecosystem, and human health of our community; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara is home to diverse species of nocturnal wildlife and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt mate and thrive; and

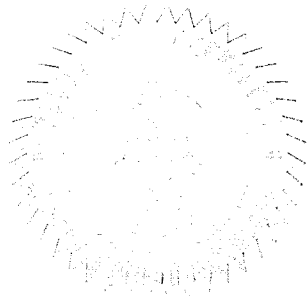
WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in the City of Santa Barbara, live under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder, and ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, a stated objective of the City of Santa Barbara Outdoor Lighting & Streetlight Design Guidelines is "To acknowledge the objectives of the International Dark Sky Association and strive to preserve and restore view of the night sky"; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby declares April 15-22, 2023 as Dark Sky Week in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 2nd day of May, 2023 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monique [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

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